GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:879
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2009
FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM AT RAILWAY STATIONS
Singh Shri Rakesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire-fighting arrangements have been made at all the Railway Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Railways to install such equipments in all the Railway Stations;

(d) whether the Railways have conducted inquiry into the recent incident of fire at RRI building in Jabalpur under the West-Central Railway Zone; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and action taken thereon to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.879 BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2009 REGARDING FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM AT RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.Fire fighting arrangements have been made at all the stations over Indian Railways. The details are as under:-

(i) Each station is provided with two numbers of dry chemical powder type fire extinguishers.

(ii) Fire buckets filled with dry sand and water are provided at all stations.

(iii) Safety posters for operating various types of fire extinguishers have been displayed at stations.

(iv) At large stations, smoke detectors in Route Relay Interlocking installations have been provided.

(v) Front line staff such as Station Masters have been imparted regular training to operate fire extinguishers.

(vi) Periodical drill on fire fighting is conducted.

(vii) The telephone number of nearby fire brigades is kept available at Railway stations.

(viii) Frequent drives against carrying of inflammable/dangerous articles in trains as well as station premises are undertaken.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Yes,Sir.An enquiry committee consisting of Junior Administrative Grade Officers had enquired into the recent incident of fire at Route Relay Interlocking building at Jabalpur. Outcome of enquiry and action taken thereon:

(i) Responsibility−Electrical equipment failure.

(ii) The enquiry committee has suggested various system improvements to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

(iii) Smoke detectors at Jabalpur RRI have been relocated and provided with reliable back up power supply so that reliability is improved and early alarm is raised in the event of fire.